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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH LPF REP CONCERNING MIAS

REF: VIENTIANE A-95, AUGUST 2, 1974

1. EMBASSY SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR MISSING-IN-ACTION
AFFAIRS (SA/MIA) AND EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER CALLED
ON COL. PHAO COUNNAPHOL, LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT (LPF)
DELEGATE TO THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT
THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA), JUN 12 TO DISCUSS POW/MIA
MATTERS. EMBOFFS SUGGESTED THAT WITH JCCIA AND LAO
COALITION AS A WHOLE HAVING MADE SO MUCH PROGRESS ON
"ISSUES CONCERNING THE LIVING," SUCH AS RESETTLEMENT OF
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REFUGEES, INTEGRATION OF CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS,

AND FUSION OF PATRIOTIC FORCES WITH THE FORCES
ARMEES ROYALES (FAR), PERHAPS TIME HAD COME TO ADDRESS
MIA PROBLEM AGAIN IN A FORMAL WAY. THEY NOTED THAT NEARLY
A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE JCCIA FORMULATED ITS REGULATIONS
ON POWS AND MIAS (REPAIR) AND, TO DATE, NO ACTION HAS
BEEN TAKEN BY THE TWO SIDES.

2. COL. PHAO REPLIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS
FROM LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING POW/MIA QUESTION.
HE NOTED THAT JCCIA REPS HAD BEEN TREMENDOUSLY BUSY DURING
RECENT WEEKS DEALING WITH VARIOUS PROBLEMS RELATING TO
THE "MAINTENANCE OF PEACE" IN THE KINGDOM AND FOR THAT
REASON THE JCCIA HAD NOT MET IN MORE THAN A MONTH. HE
IMPLIED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAD PRECLUDED DISCUSSION
OF POW/MIA PROBLEM.

3. EMBOFFS ASKED PHAO IF HE WOULD INFORM LPF CENTRAL COMMIT-
TEE OF THEIR VISIT AND OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN RESOLVING
THE MIA/POW PROBLEM. PHAO PROMISED TO DO SO AND ASSURED
EMBOFFS THAT HE WOULD CALL THEM AS SOON AS HE RECEIVED A REPLY.
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